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From: Suplee, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 6:33 PM
To: Mathieus, George
Subject: RE: Nutrients

Hi George;

In terms of statistics about where other states are on nutrient standards, EPA has a website that documents where all the states are. Quite a few have adopted nutrient standards of some type or another (Wisconsin, for example, has TP standards for all Wadeable streams, and Colorado just adopted some TN and TP standards). Make sure you mention this to Tina this Friday when you meet with her and she can point you to the website or, better yet, she get you some summary information on the national scene.

I think the examples should be linked to the little flowchart that we have circulated. We can walk through a person who (after 2016) is seeking an individual variance, we could give an example of a large discharger who has made a demonstration that moving to the next variance level at this time is not needed, and maybe even an example of a TMDL where the WLA is insignificant (best of luck with Dean on that... :).

If structured PowerPoint talks need to be put together, I can get those done on the weekend if I know which ones you have decided on. We should be back on Saturday. I am thinking a pretty high-level examples without gory details (economic spreadsheets, etc) otherwise we'll lose everybody again. Would you agree? By linking everything back to the little flowchart, I think they'll get it.

I think we should also make clear what may happen in 20 years. Maybe that falls under myth busting. We have options at that time to (1) lower beneficial uses if needed, and (2) extend variance if progress is still ongoing (would need a small statutory tweak). They need to understand that if we do (1) than the existing conditions at that time (whatever they are) would become the standards, so no further cleanup would be required.

If you have any other specific detailed issues you want fleshed out, just email.

Thanks, Mike

From: Mathieus, George
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:22 PM
To: Suplee, Mike
Cc: Tina Laidlaw
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Hi Mike:

For some reason I was thinking you would be here on Friday.

I'm struggling with what to present on Monday and am really still shooting for little to nothing, and putting much of the ball in their court.

However, I do suspect based on various conversations this week, that they do want some "presentations" and I will really know more after my meeting tomorrow.

Anyway, I'm convinced they want some "examples". Examples of how this will all work and maybe use an actual large & small discharger to show those examples. So, I'm not sure how to put that together. I am planning on working with Jenny and Jeff (and hopefully Tina) on Friday, but thought you might be able to offer some advice via email while you are out.

Secondly, I plan to dispel some myths....one of them is still that Montana is the first in the nation....can we get some statistics on that? I don't mind showing that we are ahead of the curve on the implementation side of things, but we are not the only State developing or to have developed numeric nutrient criteria.

-George